



PENDING CLAIMS AS AMENDED

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for providing fast mobile-to-mobile connectivity during an asynchronous data communication, comprising:

a processor; and

a storage device coupled to said processor and containing a set of executable computer instructions for:

determining if an initial communication from a first wireless communication device operating in a wireless communication system comprises a request to initiate an asynchronous data communication;

determining an identification code associated with a second wireless communication device, said identification code determined from said initial communication;

determining if said second wireless communication device is operating within said wireless communication system; and

routing said asynchronous data communication to said second wireless communication device without the use of a modem if said initial communication comprises a request to initiate said asynchronous communication and said second wireless communication device is operating within said wireless communication system; otherwise routing said asynchronous data communication to said second wireless communication device using a modem.

2. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising a database for storing a list of wireless communication devices operating within said communication system, wherein said processor determines if said second wireless communication device is operating within said communication system by determining if said second wireless communication device is listed in said database.

3. (Original) The apparatus of claim 2 wherein said database comprises a visitor location register.

4. (Currently Amended) A method for providing fast mobile-to-mobile connectivity during an asynchronous data communication, comprising ~~the steps of~~:

receiving an initial communication from a first wireless communication device operating in a wireless communication system;

determining if said initial communication comprises a request to initiate an asynchronous data communication;

determining an identification code corresponding to a second wireless communication device, said identification code determined from said initial communication;

determining if said second wireless communication device is operating within said wireless communication system; and

routing said asynchronous data communication to said second wireless communication device without the use of a modem if said initial communication comprises a request to initiate said asynchronous communication and said second wireless communication device is operating within said communication system; otherwise routing said asynchronous data communication to said second wireless communication device using a modem.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4 wherein said ~~the step of~~ determining if said second wireless communication device is operating within said communication system comprises ~~the step of~~ determining if said second wireless communication device is listed in a database, said database for storing a list of wireless communication devices operating within said communication system.

6. (New) An apparatus for providing fast mobile-to-mobile connectivity during an asynchronous data communication, comprising:

means for receiving an initial communication from a first wireless communication device operating in a wireless communication system;

means for determining if said initial communication comprises a request to initiate an asynchronous data communication;

means for determining an identification code corresponding to a second wireless communication device, said identification code determined from said initial communication;

means for determining if said second wireless communication device is operating within said wireless communication system; and

means for routing said asynchronous data communication to said second wireless communication device without the use of a modem if said initial communication comprises a

request to initiate said asynchronous communication and said second wireless communication device is operating within said communication system; otherwise routing said asynchronous data communication to said second wireless communication device using a modem.

7. (New) The apparatus of claim 6 wherein said means for determining if said second wireless communication device is operating within said communication system comprises means for determining if said second wireless communication device is listed in a database, said database for storing a list of wireless communication devices operating within said communication system.